

sequence of 1 to 3 amino acid residues which are the same or different and are aliphatic amino acid residues.

2. (Amended) The peptide of claim 1
wherein [X¹ is Phe;]
X² is Glu or Ala;
R² is Gly-Gly;
R¹ is X³ - X⁴ - X⁵ wherein
X³ is Thr,
X⁴ is Asp or Ala and
X⁵ is Ile or Ala.

3. (Amended) The peptide of claim 1
wherein R¹ is NH₂-;
[X¹ is an aromatic amino acid;]
X² is Glu or Ala and
R² is Gly, Gly-Gly, Gly-Gly-Gly or sarcosine.

4. (Amended) The peptide of claim 3
wherein [X¹ is Phe and] X² is Glu.